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SUBJ: CENTO: SECOND BAC MEETING 1975

1. CENTO BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (BAC) MET MARCH 13. THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS WERE APPROVED: (1) APPROVAL OF RECORD (BAC/75/R1); (2) WAIVING OF PARA C, ARTICLE 13, APPENDIX 1, ANNEX B OF CD/UW/D16 OF CFR (BAC/75/D2), IN ORDER TO PERMIT UTILIZATION OF LAST YEAR'S BUDGET AUTHORIZATION FOR REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF SECRETARIAT ROOF AND CEILINGS; (3) TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE SECRETARIAT BUDGET FOR 1973-74 (BAC/74/D34 AND BAC/75/D3) TO PERMIT PURCHASE OF A ROTAPRINT MACHINE FOR CMPS; AND (4) SUMMARY BUDGET ESTIMATE OF CENTO SECRETARIAT FOR FY 1974-75 (BAC/74/D9 REV. 3).

2. UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS," UK DELEGATE NOTIFIED BAC THAT HMG HAD APPROVED USE OF DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND FOR PAKISTANI EQRTHQUAKE RELIEF AND SUGGESTED THAT MONEY FROM FUND BE USED FOR A SPECIFIC PROJECT RATHER THAN GOING INTO GENERAL PAKISTANI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORT SO THAT CENTO WOULD BE ABLE TO GENERATE SOME RECOGNITION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION. PAKISTANI DELEGATE SAID THAT HE WOULD SUBMIT A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR WHICH MONEY COULD BE UTILIZED. UK DELEGATE INDICATED HIS
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GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT RPT NOT FAVOR REPLENISHMENT OF THE FUND.

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3. TURKISH DELEGATE ONCE AGIN RAISED QUESTION OF AN EARLY CONVENING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE REORGANIZATION OF THE SECRETARIAT. THE PAKISTANI DELEGATE NOTED THAT NOVEMBER MEETING OF COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES HAD REJECTED THE TERMS OF REFERENCE SUBMITTED BY SECRETARIAT. (ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON TERMS OF REFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE REORGANIZATION STUDY.)

4. THE UK DELEGATE REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE COST ESTIMATES ON THE AUXILLIARY STAFF PROPOSALS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY GOT.

5. RELATED MATTERS: IN LETTER DATED MARCH 14, SECRETARY GENERAL HAS REQUESTED WRITTEN APPROVAL BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES OF THE SECRETARIAT'S 1974-5 BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED 430,000 POUNDS STERLING AND CMPS 1974-75 BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED 137,169 PS. BOTH BUDGETS PROVIDE SALARY INCREASES OF 15 PERCENT FOR GRADED STAFF AND 20 PERCENT FOR AUXILIARY STAFF RETROACTIVE TO OCTOBER 1, 1974. FURTHER, 5,000 PS CONTINGENCY RESERVE (CHAPTER 2300) OF SECRETARIAT BUDGET IS NOT RPT NOT RPT NOT TO BE SPENT WITHOUT PRIOR CONCURRANCE OF COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF BOTH BUDGETS INCLUDING PROVISOS CITED ABOVE.
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